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TAGS: OREP (WOLFF, LESTER) SNR, CO
SUBJECT: CARDINAL'S STATEMENT FOR CODEL WOLFF

REF: BOGOTA 7566

1. FOLLOWING IN UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION BY EMBASSY OF
STATEMENT BY CARDINAL MUNOZ FOR CODEL WOLFF. STATEMENT IS TO BE
TRANSMITTED TO CHAIRMAN WOLFF FOR RELEASE. NO LOCAL RELEASE WILL
BE MADE BY EMBASSY PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF CHAIRMEN WOLFF'S AUTHORIZATION
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2. BEGIN TEXT.
IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO RECEIVE THIS HONORABLE DELEGATION
OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE, WHICH IS CONCERNED WITH THE GRAVE PROBLEM
WHICH NARCOTICS AND THEIR ABUSE IS CREATING FOR OUR SOCIETIES. I
AM STILL MORE GRATIFIED TO KNOW THAT THIS IS ALSO THE CONCERN OF
THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

I SEE CLEARLY THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO
PERFORM FOR HUMANITY A SERVICE IN DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS THAT
CANNOT BE DEFERRED, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMMITMENTS OF
PRESIDENT CARTER. ALL THINGS AFFECTING THE CONDITION OF
THE INDIVIDUAL IS IN THE HEART OF THE CHURCH AND ALSO IS
THE MISSION OF THOSE WHO SERVE THE CHURCH. WE FIND
OURSELVES, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS AND
WE SERVANTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, IN THE SAME STRUGGLE
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AND LABOR. THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS A VISION OF MAN AND
HUMANITY. THE CHURCH BELIEVES THE KEY, THE PRINCIPAL OBJECT,
AND THE PURPOSE OF THE HISTORY OF HUMANITY IS FOUND IN JESUS
CHRIST. ON THE OTHER HAND, I HOLD THE CONVICTION THAT FOR
SUCH A GRAVE EVIL AS THE TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTICS, WE WILL
NOT BE ABLE TO FIND AN ADEQUATE SOLUTION ONLY IN THE ABSOLUTELY

NECESSARY AUTHORITARIAN MEASURES, BUT ALSO WITH CONTINUED EFFORTS TO REACH THE PERSONS BY MEANS OF EDUCATION, AS YOU ARE DOING, CREATING IN THEM MORAL CONVICTIONS. IN THIS MANNER, MAN'S LIBERTY, TEMPERED IN MORAL PRINCIPLES, WILL CONVERT ITSELF INTO AN APOSTLE TO RESTRICT THE DECADENCE OF OUR SOCIETY. A DOSE OF CONDESCENSION IN THIS FIELD WILL LEAD TO FATAL DOSES.

IF, IN ADDITION, SIMILAR, CORRESPONDING ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WILL MAKE STRONG EFFORTS TO STOP ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING CAN BE PROMOTED IN SISTER NATIONS THROUGH THE RESOURCES YOU HAVE AT YOUR DISPOSITION, I DO NOT DOUBT THAT IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, WE WILL ALL BE VERY GRATEFUL.

I, A MODEST SERVANT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOGOTA, PRIMATE IN COLOMBIA, IN WHOSE NAME, AS A MAN OF CATHOLIC FAITH, OFFER MY PRAYERS AND ALL THE COOPERATION THAT IS WITHIN OUR MEANS THAT THE NOBLE PERSONS COMMITTED TO THIS CRUSADE WILL ACHIEVE THEIR ENDS ADEQUATELY.

WITH MY PRAYER, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY WORD OF GREETING TO THE DIGNITARIES PRESENT HERE, MY PLEASURE FOR THEIR PRESENCE IN THIS HOUSE, AND MY SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR THEIR INITIATIVE IN MAKING THIS VISIT. END TEXT.
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